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Activity director seeks OK on fundraiser

\$20K sought for lawn furniture for the residents

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Sullivan County Health Care is surrounded by expansive lawns and landscaping, but some of the residents seldom get to enjoy the outdoors because of the lack of adequate outdoor furniture.

Activity director Ann LaBelle wants to help and approached the Sullivan County Commissioners and asked for

permission on Tuesday to raise almost \$20,000 for the purchase of new outdoor furniture.

"We just need something nice and strong for the residents," LaBelle said.

According to LaBelle, typical outdoor furniture purchased at the retail level would be unsafe for some of the residents and would not last very long.

"The furniture I'm looking at is made out of titanium and resin," LaBelle said. "It never gets hot and will last up to 25 years."

County Commissioner Ethel Jarvis said she supports the idea of a fundraiser, but told LaBelle she will need to establish a nonprofit group where the funds can be deposited.

"I find it an outstanding

idea," Jarvis said.

According to LaBelle, the furniture is made by Fincastle Chair in Ohio which has a local representative in Sunapee.

"These are very strong chairs," LaBelle said. "I'm all about safety."

LaBelle said she does not have any fundraisers currently planned, but in the near future she hopes to hold car washes, dances and auctions throughout the county.

"It almost seems like a crime not to use the outdoors around the building," Sullivan County Commissioner Jeff Barrette said.

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